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## **Bureau of Land Management**

### **News Release**

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### **BLM Impose Fire Restrictions**

Extreme fire danger and heavy fuel loading has caused restrictions to go into effect on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the Carrizo Plain National Monument in San Luis Obispo County effective Thursday, July 3, 2003.

#### **Permitted items:**

Lanterns or portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted with a valid California campfire permit.

#### **The following is prohibited:**

1. Open fires outside of a developed recreation site or a designated fire-safe area.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or at a developed recreation site or designated fire-safe area.
3. Welding, or any torch with an open flame, except by special permit.
4. Explosives, except by special permit.
5. Internal combustion engines, except on maintained roads and trails.
6. Tracer or incendiary devices capable of causing a fire.

These fire restrictions will remain in place until further notice during this potentially dangerous fire season. Violations are punishable by a \$1,000.00 fine and/or one year in jail.

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